

REMARKS

The presently presented claim set is based on the claims of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP03/02599 filed on March 12, 2003.

Following the entry of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 6-8, 10-11 and 13 remain in the application for consideration. Claims 1-5, 9 and 12 are herein cancelled without prejudice. Applicants herein amend claims 6, 7, 10, 11 and 13 to incorporate cancelled dependent claims, remove multiple claim dependencies, correct typographical errors, and to place the claims in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter is added herewith.

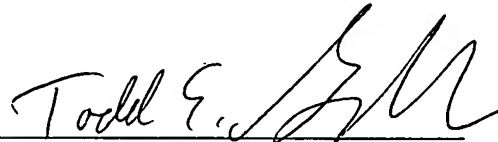
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